

CITY OF PORT ORFORD
MINUTES REGULAR SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, February 19th, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor and Council	Present	City Staff	Present
<i>Ann Vileisis, Mayor (AC)</i>	X	<i>City Administrator (CA) Melissa Radcliffe</i>	X
<i>Brett Webb, Councilor (BW)</i>	X	<i>Joseph Harrison, City Recorder</i>	X
<i>Gary Burns, Councilor (GB)</i>	X		
<i>Perri Rask, Councilor (PR)</i>	X		
<i>Deanna Brennan, Councilor (DB)</i>	X		
<i>Sara Lovendahl, Councilor (SL)</i>	X		
<i>Tim Pogwizd, Councilor (TP)</i>	X		

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Mayor Vileisis starts the meeting at 5:30 PM and leads the chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call shows that all Councilors, and staff members CA Radcliffe and Recorder Harrison, are present.

2. Additions to the agenda

- a. None

3. (0:03-0:10) Citizen Concerns (Time limit 3-minutes per person)

- a. Penny Suess: Expresses concern that the right-of-way clearing done by Coos-Curry Electric Co-Op was more extensive than in previous years. Informs the Council and Citizens that CCEC has a tree replacement program if other citizens would like foliage replaced after the clearing.
 - i. Council responds by stating that fire risks are higher than in previous years, and the more extensive clearing is a fire precaution decision made by CCEC.

4. (0:10-0:11) Consent Calendar, Minutes 1/15/2026

- a. Councilor BW moves to approve
- b. Councilor GB seconds
- c. Vote: 6-0-0 @ 5:41 PM

<i>Councilor Burns</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Pogwizd</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Rask</i>	<u>Yes</u>
<i>Councilor Lovendahl</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Brennan</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Webb</i>	<u>Yes</u>

5. (0:11-0:38) Presentations to the Council

- a. Susan Russell presented the Port Orford Main Street budget to the City Council and answered their questions under the terms of the MOU. Main Street has shifted focus to online media to appeal to a younger demographic through the Discover Port Orford website and campaign. At the end of February, there will be the second annual Winter Waters Event. The Port "Goreford" event from last Fall was more successful than anticipated.

Mainstreet has also been managing the Visitor Center and was awarded a \$42,000 grant for renovations and replacing the murals that were vandalized. Regarding \$7,000 missing from the budget, the staff carefully reviewed, and it was a previous overestimate of funds, not current mismanagement. The Council thanks Mainstreet for the work they have done at the Visitor Center.

- b. Council agrees via consensus to move to 8a and come back to department reports.
- c. Commissioner GB moves to accept the proposed as written
- d. Commissioner SL seconds it
- e. Vote: 6-0-0 @ 6:08 PM

<i>Councilor Burns</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Pogwizd</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Rask</i>	<u>Yes</u>
<i>Councilor Lovendahl</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Brennan</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Webb</i>	<u>Yes</u>

6. (0:39-1:10) Departmental Reports

- a. **Administration:** Written in report packet – a quorum of the Council may be at the Community Building Opening Ceremony. The Reasonable Time, Place, and Manner Ordinance regarding Ray’s woods camping will be revisited at a future meeting.
- b. **Mayor’s Report:** The full written report in the packet. Mayor Vileisis gives an update that there was a pre-bid meeting for the dredging earlier this week.
- c. **Finance:** CA Radcliffe gives an update on working with Kytola Certified Public Accountants
- d. **Public Works:** Mayor Vileisis and CA Radcliffe give a verbal update because Public Works Head Isadore is out sick. The city engineer is getting involved in determining how to repair our Water Treatment Plant filtration infrastructure through a feasibility study. The boil-water notice issued earlier this week has been lifted. The two lines most in need of repair are the Hamlet and 9th Street lines.
- e. **Planning:** Joseph gives a PSA warning about scammers impersonating Planning staff to trick applicants into sending them money under the guise of unpaid fees.
- f. **Liaison**
 - i. **Parks:** Written report in packet, the Parks Commission has two vacancies.
 - ii. **Historic Preservation:** None
 - iii. **Port:** The Port has been dealing with Federal OSHA issues. The Port has requested a variance and is working to come into compliance with

Federal regulations, and is attempting to get an extension. Regulations regarding crabbing might cripple the Port's finances.

- iv. Watershed: None
- v. Fire: None

7. Old Business: None

8. (1:10-1:58) New Business

- a. Adoption of the Main Street Budget Proposal was addressed in item 5
- b. Ballot Measure for Police Levy
 - i. Mayor Vileisis sent the previous revision to the County Clerk, and the new revisions will be discussed tonight.
 - ii. Discussion: Add "the" to the title and "if not repealed, the existing levy [and 12 dollar monthly fee] will continue."
 - iii. Councilor GB moves to approve the ballot language as amended
 - iv. Councilor SL seconds
 - v. Vote: 6-0-0 @ 6:50

<i>Councilor Burns</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Pogwizd</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Rask</i>	<u>Yes</u>
<i>Councilor Lovendahl</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Brennan</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Webb</i>	<u>Yes</u>

c. Planning Commission proposals on Dark Sky and Enforcement

- i. Chair of the Planning Commission Greg Thelen explains the background of the issue and reads the recommendations submitted to the City Council. The Planning Commission communicated with other municipalities, and the main recommendations are: making sure ordinances are up to date, having volunteer input, and having enforcement go through the planning department.
- ii. Councilor BW motions to direct staff to bring the recommendations of changing "holiday lighting" to "seasonal lighting" and removing the 90-day restriction as a resolution
- iii. Councilor GB seconds the motion
- iv. Discussion: The definitions of holiday lighting and seasonal lighting, potentially remove the restriction of 90 days, and the current Dark Sky ordinance will become enforceable in August.
- v. Vote: 6-0-0 @ 7:18

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<i>Councilor Lovendahl</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Brennan</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Webb</i>	<u>Yes</u>

d. Scope of Work for SIPP Grant

- i. Mayor Vileisis gives the background of the Grant. Business Oregon recommended refocusing the grant to center on fixing the water filtration system. Twenty thousand dollars will be used for a leak study, and the remaining thirty thousand will be used for a feasibility

study for infrastructure repair. Council needs to approve a revised scope of work.

- ii. Discussion: Since the firm is no longer Civil West, the Council should reevaluate its contract, since it may be different. The City may need to rebid the contract.
- iii. Councilor TP moves to approve and sign the scope of work
- iv. Councilor GB seconds the motion
- v. Vote: 6-0-0 @ 7:28 PM

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9. Considerations

- a. Citizens: None
- b. Staff: None
- c. Councilors & Mayor:
 - i. Mayor Vileisis reminds the Council that it is the second anniversary of CA Radcliffe beginning to work here, and the Council gives their thanks.

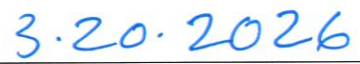
10. Future Meetings:

- a. Regular Meeting of the City Council: March 19th, 2026 @ 5:30 PM
- b. Public Hearing for CDBG Grant on February 26th, 2026 @ 5:30 PM
- c. Public Hearing for Ballot Measure for Police Levy on February 26th, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

11. Adjourn @ 7:30



Mayor, Ann Vileisis



Date

Attest:



City Recorder, Joseph Harrison



Date